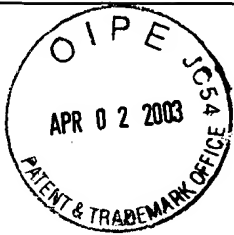


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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Reply to Office Action Mailed January 2, 2003;
2. a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO-1449 and one (1) accompanying reference; and
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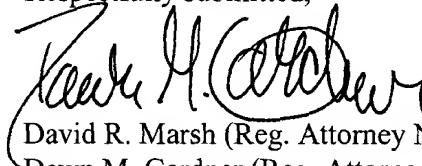
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